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Mr. Tom Susman, Counsel
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U.S.Senate
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Dear Tom,

After writing Jim Lesar yesterday morning, when I did not mail the letter because I expected him today, it occured to me that some aspects might be of interest to you.

Particularly as they relate to executive-agency opposition to FOIA and PA, in spirit and in letter.

I cannot exaggerate the Orwellian nature of the part of the files I have received from State. Or their deliberate dishonesty.

From this I can only wonder about the uses made of them behind my back, in secret, once I started working on the political assassinations.

Part of what I see in this is the impossibility of a JFK taking control of the bureaucracy. Over the years the spooks have made it impossible.

Without knowing what I have learned from and can see in these records I addressed this in two ways in two works, one researched (Tiger to Ride) and one written later, in 1968 (Coup d'Etat).

The second was my only theorizing. I could not get it printed in that form. Frame-Up, on the King assassination, was abstracted from it. It was a very large work.

Had I known of such files, as I did not, I could not have been more accurate.

As long as there are Otepkas the Otepka mind will control. Until there is an administration determined to risk ending it. The risks may be great. Until that day, as I see it, the president cannot really be president. He can neither formulate nor control his own policy where the authoritarian bureaucrats, in their self-conceived and anti-democratic greater wisdom, are determined enough to prevent it.

This, I suggest, is another window on the official opposition to the Acts. To me a magnification of their impirtance to a representative society.

Despite my years of experience I was shocked at what these records show of the spook mind and manner of secret operation. In some ways the FBI's lying to the State investigators is the greatest shock. The FBI had extensive files of me yet told State it had none. I believe it is part of the same thing, fear of having to confront its on record, not mine, as it would have in any "loyalty" hearing. Thus as of now I have received not a single record from the FBI on myself.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg